

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/697,855

Examiner

Mark T. Le

Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Appeal brief filed 7/27/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-9.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Glenn on September 12, 2006. The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 1, line 6, "and," has been deleted; and line 7, "means for rotatably retaining an arm associated with said housing, said means" has been replaced by the followings:

-- an arm associated with said housing; and
means for rotatably retaining said arm, said means --.

In claim 5, the last line has been replaced by the followings:

-- receiving a pin for rotation therein, and an arm mounted by said pin for rotation relative to said housing. --.

Claims 10-16, drawn to a non-elected invention, have been cancelled.

3. In the specification the Cross Reference to Related Applications has been updated as followings:

Page 1, line 9, "December 9, 2002" has been changed to

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-- December 9, 2002, now U.S. Patent No. 6,688,560 issued on February 10, 2004 --;
and page 1, line 9, "Continuation of" has been changed to -- Continuation of U.S. Patent
Application Serial No. 09/944,748, which was filed on August 31, 2001, now --.

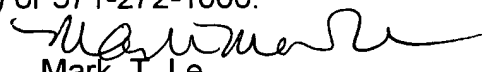
4. During a telephone interview held on September 12, 2006, Mr. Glenn and the examiner agreed that by amending instant claims 1 and 5 to clearly define an arm that is mounted on a pin for rotation relative to the housing (claim 5), and that is associated with the housing and mounted for rotation via a means having an axis of rotation (claim 1), these claims along with all claims depending therefrom would be considered as to define over the prior art of record. Accordingly, Mr. Glenn authorized the amendments to the claims as set forth above.

5. The prior art cited in both 10/314,774 and 09/944,748 has been reviewed.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mark T. Le whose telephone number is 571-272-6682. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri (9-6), except day-off Wed.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Samuel Morano can be reached on 571-272-6684. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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